
**CHF International/Eritrea
Eritrean Self-Help Enhancement Program (E-SHEP)
Quarterly Performance Report**

Cooperative Agreement #: 623-A-00-03-00028-00

Reporting Period: April 1 – June 30, 2005

Submission Date: July 31, 2005

Summary

During the reporting period, extensive work was done on 3 large water supply projects:

- Tetri (Zoba Anseba): construction of reservoir and distribution system completed in June.
- Adi Gulti: extensive work on microdam project completed. Delays experienced due to unusually heavy rains.
- Adi Kemesho: construction nearly completed, except for installation of solar pump. This last step may be delayed due to taxation issues (the pump is being imported from South Africa).

Community Mobilization Training was conducted for Adi Gulti and Adi Kemesho. Water, sanitation and hygiene training was conducted in Tetri. Project sustainability training was conducted in Adi Kemesho, Shinara, and Tetri.

The pilot drip irrigation project in Dbarwa village was implemented during the reporting period. Ten households were selected, including 4 female-headed households. Drip irrigation kits, tools, and improved seeds were provided to each household, along with training and assistance in installation and use of the kits. All 10 households have planted vegetables and the results look promising in terms of yield.

In May, USAID provided a formal modification of the Cooperative Agreement to realign the budget, and extend the end-date to August 21, 2005.

Activities undertaken during the reporting period

During the April-June reporting period, CHF/Haben focused on:

- Continuing implementation of Tetri, Adi Kemesho and Adi Gulti projects
- Implementation of the school latrine project in Eden
- Implementation of the pilot drip irrigation project in Dbarwa

Planned activities for July-August 2005

During the next reporting period, E-SHEP activities will include

- Completion of ongoing projects
- Project close-out

Project Implementation

Zoba Debub

Adi Kemesho: During the reporting period, construction of the reservoir, distribution system, and taps was completed. A supplier was selected for the solar pump, which is being imported from South Africa. Finalization of the project may be delayed due to the new NGO proclamation which states that NGOs must pay taxes on imported goods. We are waiting for instructions from USAID on how to handle this. (Note the duty is likely to be about US\$300 on this item).

Community members were mobilized for water catchment treatment works (e.g. check dams).

Adi Gulti: During the reporting period, extensive work was done on the dam project in Adi Gulti. Community mobilization training was conducted, and the community contributed labor for construction of check dams and clearing of a feeder road.

Excavation works for the micro-dam body is almost complete. In May, unusually heavy rains came to the area, flooding the body of the dam and destroying the check dams constructed by the community. Accordingly, the design of the dam was revised to withstand further rains. Construction of a spillway allowed work on the dam to continue; the project is scheduled for completion in July.

Debarwa Drip Irrigation Pilot Project: Drip irrigation kits, plastic barrels, agricultural tools, and improved seeds were distributed to eight beneficiaries in April, and four donkeys were provided to the community to facilitate the carrying of water to garden plots. Haben, in collaboration with the branch office of the Ministry of Agriculture of Zoba Debub, trained beneficiaries on how to use the drip irrigation kit. In May, two additional drip irrigation kits were purchased and delivered to beneficiaries and this increased the number of beneficiaries to 10 (as originally planned). The improved seeds planted on beneficiaries' plots are growing well. The beneficiaries in particular and the villagers in general are inspired by the pilot drip irrigation project.

Zoba Anseba

Eden Water Supply Project: Haben and the Water Resources Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of this project. Haben continues to seek funding from UNICEF for the civil works, though no final response has come. After the issuing of the new proclamation regarding NGOs, UNICEF stated that the final decision on funding for the project would be pending until the completion of the NGO registration process by Haben.

Eden School Latrine: construction of a dry pit latrine for the elementary school in Eden commenced in June, and is scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Tetri: Construction works for reservoir, public fountains and ramp were completed in April. Plumbing work was completed in May, and finishing works completed in June. The project will be handed over to the community in July. Trainings in drought mitigation strategy, environmental sanitation and hygiene, and project sustainability were conducted.

Summary of outputs to date

The following chart summarizes the outputs achieved as of June 2005.

Output/Indicator	Revised Targets	Achieved to date (As of June 05)	Left to achieve
People with access to improved potable water sources	20,000	17,178	2,822
Infrastructure projects completed with funds leveraged from other donors	2	0	5
Water supply sources improved/developed	5	4	1
Latrines built	2	0	100
Water/san/hygiene and drought mitigation trainings held	7	3	7
Training participants	140	288	0
Person months of employment generated	50	205	0
Permanent jobs created or sustained	5	0	10
Livestock water sources improved	3	0	5
Garden plots with functioning drip line irrigation	2	10	0

NOTE: Original target referred to household latrines; revised target is 2 institutional latrines.

Activities Planned for Next Quarter

Project Implementation

Zoba Anseba

Eden:

Completion of school latrine project.

Tetri:

Handover of reservoir project to the community.

Zoba Debub

Completion of Adi Gulti microdam and Adi Kemesho solar pump and reservoir projects.

Other activities

Closeout of program and of CHF office in Eritrea.